

Selected Story.

THE PROFESSOR OF SIGNS.

A Spanish ambassador to Great Britain, a learned man, but taciturn and eccentric, had formed very strange ideas of the importance of the language of action and signs. He claimed that these could fill the place of language of sounds, and that there should be in each university a professor of signs. One day this diplomat was complaining to the king of the neglect with which all countries treated the cultivation of this means of communication, and of the absolute lack of professors of this admirable science. The king responded smilingly:

"I have a professor such as you speak of; he is a very able man. He is stationed, however, at the most distant university in my kingdom, about six hundred miles from here, in Aberdeen."

"Though he should be in China," answered the ambassador, "I must see him. I will start this very morning."

He set out, and the king, not wishing to be thought a cheat, sent a messenger to announce the arrival of the curious traveller, and to charge the professors to receive him with all due ceremony, and to dispose of him as soon as possible.

The ambassador was welcomed with great pomp, but he announced that he wished to see nobody but the professor of signs, whom he was awaiting with the greatest impatience. He was told that the professor was absent, having gone to exercise his art among the mountains of Scotland, and that the date of his return was unknown.

"Well, I will wait him here," replied the ambassador, "although he should delay for a year."

The professors, seeing that this subterfuge had not produced the desired result, and that they should be forced to entertain his excellency for a long period, resolved to employ some other means of ridding themselves of him.

There was in the city a one-eyed butcher named Geardi, a good-natured man, fond of a joke, who consented to play the part of professor of signs. Having been suitably instructed, he promised to maintain the most profound silence, and not to explain himself save by signs.

The ambassador, being notified that the professor had returned, showed the greatest delight, and at once appointed a day for a conference with him. At the time set, Geardi dressed in a doctor's gown and adorned with an enormous wig, was introduced to His Excellency the ambassador, who was expected to explain himself as best he could to the wonderful man who had been presented to him.

The other professors withdrew to the next room and awaited, not without great trepidation, the result of the interview.

The ambassador approached Geardi and lifted one finger; Geardi answered this gesture by lifting two; the ambassador raised three fingers; Geardi clenched his fist and shook it with a menacing air. The ambassador then drew an orange from his pocket and showed it to Geardi, who in his turn drew from beneath his robe an enormous loaf.

The ambassador showed himself entirely satisfied, made a profound reverence, and withdrew.

The professors, desirous of knowing how their colleague of the one eye had acquitted himself, questioned his excellency regarding the interview with the professor of signs.

"Ah," he exclaimed, "he is a wonderful man! He is worth all the treasures of the Indies. I began by showing him one finger, to give him to understand that there is but one God; he showed me two, to indicate the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, whereupon he showed me the shut fist, to tell me that these three formed but one. Then I showed him an orange, which denoted that the kindness of God not only bestows the necessities of life, but also the sweet and pleasant things that beautify existence. That marvellous man held forth a piece of bread, in order to say to me that that was the essential thing and preferable to all the demands of luxury and vanity."

The professors, enchanted at the happy termination of the matter, bade the ambassador farewell, and sought Geardi, in order that he might give his version of the interview.

"That ambassador," he said, "is an insolent man. He showed me one finger, to criticize me because I have but one eye; I showed him two fingers, to indicate that my one eye was worth more than his two; then he insulted me by lifting three fingers, meaning that we had but three eyes between us. Irritated by his impudence, I shook my fist under his nose and would have shown him the force of my Scotch muscles, except for the respect I have for you. But his insolence did not stop; he took an orange from his pocket, to tell me that my cold and miserable country produced nothing like it; but I showed him a good Scotch loaf, to make him understand that his oranges did not matter to me. I was going to throw the bread in his face, when he prudently made me a bow and left the room. It was time, because I was getting angry; but I am sorry I did not shake him a little, to punish him for his impudent and offensive gestures."—[Romance.]

A PROBLEM FOR FOX HUNTERS.

It is a far cry from the anise-bag and the unfortunate dogs that pursue

it, to the red fox; but I hesitate about dealing with the mystery that envelops the latter. I approach it doubtfully, not with the intention of solving it, but with the hope that some of our amateur or professional scientists, who are so ready with their theories, may give it a moment's attention and, belike, explain it away. The mystery I speak of has its centre in middle Georgia, and it involves two interesting problems: Where did the red fox come from, and where is he going? What instinct has led this rough-and-tumble emigrant into Georgia and is now beckoning him out? This movement was noted by the fox-hunters of middle Georgia more than a quarter of a century ago. During that time there have been movements and counter-movements, disappearances and reappearances—all signs of unrest and bewilderment—but the general movement has been towards the southwest. What irresistible impulse leads or pushes him in that direction? Water has more terrors for the red fox than for the house cat. It is only in the last extremity he will take to it, but in coming hitherward, as in going away, he has forded streams and swum rivers. He has crossed the Savannah, the Oconee, the Ocmulgee, the Atlanta; he has crossed and is still crossing the Chattahoochee. This much I know from observation, by correspondence and thorough oral information imparted by hunters who would themselves be glad to have some explanation of the mystery.—[Scribner's Magazine for October.]

FIGHT WITH AN EAGLE.

Bert Barnes is a lineman in the employ of the Sunset Telephone Company in Los Angeles. The other day he was sent to the San Fernando Valley to make some repairs on the line. Having climbed to the top of a telegraph pole and finished the repairing, he started to descend, when he heard a scream. Looking around, Barnes was startled to see an eagle of immense size swoop towards him. Dropping everything but a hammer, he prepared for fight. The eagle darted upon him and struck at him fiercely with talons and beak. The lineman wielded his hammer with such effect as to finally drive the bird away, leaving him bleeding from the claw wounds and almost exhausted. Barnes was preparing to descend from his battle-ground when he saw the bird swooping down for a second attack. He waited until the bird was right on him, when he struck it a blow with the hammer that stunned it, and it fell to the ground, where it was bound before it recovered. He brought it to this city. Fortunately the man's eyes escaped injury, but his face and shoulders bear evidence of the ferocity of the bird, which is of tremendous size.—[San Francisco Examiner.]

NEARLY WRECKED BY A BEAR.

Four men in a boat had an exciting scrimmage with an enormous bear on Lake Whatcom. They were on a fishing trip, and were armed only with an ax and pistol. They saw it swimming in the water and opened fire. The bear made straight for the bow of the boat, with its eyes like small balls of fire and its mouth open wide. It seized the boat, tearing a piece of wood off the gunwale several inches in length; then dodging the blows of the ax that were directed at him, bruised the side of the boat a swipe with his paw, nearly overturning it. But just then the pistol and the ax got in their work, and the bear gave up the fight and the ghost. The carcass was towed ashore and weighed nearly 300 pounds.—[The Oregonian.]

MR. EVARTS' COSTLY FARMING.

The Boston Herald says: "William M. Everts, the famous lawyer, who has just celebrated his golden wedding on his farm, realized at one time an income of over \$50,000 yearly for his practice. His fancy farm at Windsor, Vt., absorbed most of it. It is related of the distinguished lawyer that while entertaining a number of his friends at his home one evening he produced several bottles of champagne and a quantity of milk. Turning to his guests he said, 'Gentlemen, here is some milk from my farm and here is some wine. You can take your choice—they both cost the same.'"

FAT ACTORS.

Enormously fat actors have been numerous in France, and the record-maker among them was probably Gros-Guillaume, a low comedian, who was obliged to have himself hooped like a barrel by three belts, the uppermost under his armpits; his belly was said to walk ten paces before him. Another fat actor was Dessearts, for whom a table had to be specially made to enable him to get under it in "Tartuffe." He invariably created roars of laughter when he declared in the role of Petit-Jean that he was "beginning to grow thin since he had lost his sleep," as well as when in the "Siege de Calais" he appeared at the head of his fellow-citizens, "wasted to skeletons by a long and terrible famine!" Dazincourt, in his "Memoirs," mentions an actor named Prevot, an artist of great talent, who having had his feet frozen in Russia, was obliged to have his toes amputated. In consequence of this operation his stage walk was so shambling that the poor fellow never ventured to appear in Paris; but he obtained a great reputation in the French provinces, where he was such a favourite that the public overlooked his infirmity.—[Galignani.]

CONGRESS OF THE CROWS.

The peculiarity of the weather this year appears to have had a most singular effect upon the feathered tribe. At times the sky of this section of Bavaria is darkened with crows which, according to authentic reports, to the number of 400,000 to 500,000 nightly assemble near the Bohemian frontier, at a place called Grun.

The most celebrated ornithologists of Vienna and Berlin have visited this bird camp, which occupies a space of four to five acres in a pine forest. It is most interesting to visit by day when the birds are away. They fly to the roost about 5 to 8 p. m., and it takes them as long in the morning to get away.—[Letter from Kissingen in South Germany.]

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Legal Notices.

Probate of Will.

JOSEPH WARD'S ESTATE.
STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate court, held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 22d day of September, A. D. 1893.
An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph Ward, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, being presented to court by Mianda M. Ward and P. N. Granger, the executors therein named, for probate:
It is ordered by said court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1893, and show cause, if any they may have, against the probate of said will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the Caledonian, printed at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing.
By the Court, Attest:
WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.
A true copy of Record, Attest:
WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

Presentation of Account.

HORATIO RANKIN'S ESTATE.
STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate court, held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 23d day of September, A. D. 1893.
George B. Davis, administrator with will annexed, upon the estate of Horatio Rankin, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.
Whereupon, it is ordered by said court that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury, on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1893, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.
By the Court, Attest:
WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

Commissioners' Notice.

WM. HALL'S ESTATE.
The subscribers, having been appointed by the honorable Probate court for the district of Caledonia, commissioners to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of William Hall, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, and the term of six months from the 31st day of August, 1893, being allowed by said court to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us: Give notice that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the office of L. D. Hazen, in St. Johnsbury, in said district, on the 14th day of October, and the 17th day of February next, at 1 o'clock in the forenoon, on each of said days.
C. H. STEVENS,
W. B. JOHNSON,
Commissioners.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., Sept. 15, 1893.

Commissioners' Notice.

ROBERT FRASIER'S ESTATE.
The subscribers, having been appointed by the honorable Probate court for the district of Caledonia, commissioners to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Robert Frasier, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, and the term of six months from the 11th day of September, 1893, being allowed by said court to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit and prove their respective claims before us: Give notice that we will attend to the duties of our appointment at the late residence of the deceased, in St. Johnsbury, in said district, on the 17th day of October and the 10th day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on each of said days.
DANIEL CARPENTER,
JAMES C. MOORE,
Commissioners.
St. Johnsbury, Vt., Sept. 25, 1893.

Presentation of Account.

DAVID SILSBY'S ESTATE.
STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate court, held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1893.
Frank W. Silsby and Elwin A. Silsby, executors of the last will and testament of David Silsby, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, present their administration account for examination and allowance, and make application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.
Whereupon it is ordered by said court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1893, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.
By the Court, Attest:
WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

Probate of Will.

JOHN SAMUEL'S ESTATE.
STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss. In Probate court, held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1893.
An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of John Samuel, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, being presented to court by William B. Ward, the executor therein named, for probate:
It is ordered by said court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate office in St. Johnsbury on the 14th day of October, A. D. 1893, and show cause, if any they may have, against the probate of said will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the Caledonian, printed at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing.
By the Court, Attest:
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